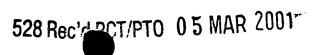


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Sir:

Applicants wish to bring to the attention of the Patent Office an error in the Declaration & Power of Attorney and Assignment forms with regard to one of the inventor names.

Inventor Masaaki Wachi is typed incorrectly as "Wati". Is should be

--Wachi--. The inventor has signed it correctly on the Declaration & Power of Attorney and Assignment.

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